

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1329–H1370

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2086–2098, and S. Res. 376. **Pages S1365–66**

Measures Reported:

S. 149, to provide effective criminal prosecutions for certain identity thefts. **Page S1365**

Measures Passed:

Philippines Charitable Giving Assistance Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1821, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Hirono/Heller) Amendment No. 2806, to change the dates during which contributions may be made to be treated as made in 2013. **Page S1369**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that the bill be held at the desk and that if the Senate receives a bill from the House of Representatives, the text of which is identical to S. 1821, as passed by the Senate, Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; the bill be read three times and passed without any intervening action or debate; and that the Senate bill be indefinitely postponed and all motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table. **Page S1369**

Measures Considered:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990. **Pages S1329–30**

Military Justice Improvement Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of S. 1752, to reform proce-

dures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. **Pages S1335–49**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 59), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S1336–49**

Subsequently, the bill was returned to the Calendar. **Page S1349**

Victims Protection Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of S. 1917, to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 60), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the previous order, Senate vote on passage of the bill following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, on Monday, March 10, 2014, with all other provisions remaining in effect.

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Appointments:

Public Interest Declassification Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–567, reappointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: Sanford Ungar of Maryland.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in the Ukraine; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-33)

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McHugh Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 6, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 10, 2014.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 10, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the nomination and the time until 5:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled in the usual form prior to the cloture vote on the nomination; that upon conclusion of the cloture vote, and notwithstanding cloture having been invoked, if invoked, Senate vote on passage of S. 1917, to provide for additional enhancements of the sexual assault prevention and response activities of the Armed Forces; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the time during the vote on passage of S. 1917, count post-cloture on the nomination.

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Leitman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

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Levy Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Matthew Frederick Leitman, of

Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Michelson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Parker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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Raskin Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; that there be 20 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use of yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 58 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 58), Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

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Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

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John Roth, of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

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Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

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Rhonda K. Schmidtlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission for a term expiring December 16, 2021.

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R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

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Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—60) Pages S1335, S1349

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:33 a.m. and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1370.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Central Command and United States Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Lloyd J. Austin III, Commander, United States Central Command, and General David M. Rodriguez, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command, both of the Department of Defense.

MAP–21 REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21) reauthorization, focusing on the Federal role and current challenges to public transportation, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Melaniphy, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, D.C.; Barbara K. Cline, Community Transportation Association of America, Spearfish, South Dakota; and Lawrence J. Hanley, Amalgamated Transit Union, Staten Island, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Menendez (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Brown, Merkley, Manchin, Warren, Heitkamp, Moran, Corker, Toomey, Kirk, Coburn, Heller, and Shelby.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection: Senators Brown (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Menendez, Tester, Merkley, Hagan, Warren, Toomey, Shelby, Vitter, Johanns, Moran, Heller, and Corker.

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Warner (Chair), Reed, Schumer, Menendez, Tester, Hagan, Warren, Heitkamp, Johanns, Corker, Shelby, Vitter, Toomey, Kirk, and Coburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Manchin (Chair), Brown, Warner, Kirk, and Moran.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Merkley (Chair), Tester, Warner, Hagan, Manchin, Heitkamp, Heller, Coburn, Vitter, Johanns, and Crapo.

Senators Johnson (SD) and Crapo are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant